What could be the big draw to Tukwila Pond Park? Is there an amenity that could serve as a focal point at the park? How can we activate the space?

Boardwalk as a loop throughout the park; access from all sides of the park. Opening up the park to adjacent streets to expose this open green space to the surrounding concrete jugnle

Make it well-lit at night but in ways that do not detract from the habitat value of the park I would say a loop boardwalk would be amazing, maybe add bits of history of bodies of water that are important to the valley through out the walk.

A few years ago, I approached REI about a public / private partnership at the pond. REI could set up a corporate campus and help to develop the pond. Similar to the Seattle store.

An art focal piece in addition to a boardwalk around the pond. No boats because it is a small park. Nature/art walk with wayfinding.

I think we need to start with better access. It is too hidden currently. It needs a large open area to draw people in. Day vs. Night activation. Urban vs. nature loving crowd activation. How can we accommodate all 4 of these groups?

REI liked the idea, but eventually pursued a site in Bellevue, that they just sold. So, is a public / private partnership a possibility to help develop and expand the pond.

Great for bird-watching at the park, so more opportunities for wildlife viewing would be important.
Consider the needs of birds as well as people. Habitat for wildlife.

plants. Cleaner
vegetation, better
variety. Attractive,
easily maintained, and
using natural aspects
to attract people to
the park.
Hybrid/balance of
native vs. ornamental.
Leaning towards
native vegetation and

Benches for resting/seating

Overall: Lower maintenance, naturalistic focal elements

How important is the open water aspect of the pond to you?

Animals/Wildlife should take priority at this park

View it more as a playground than an escape . Emphasize natural value

opportunity to showcase a different type of water environment. Running water is a common, important characteristic but pond is equally important to showcase that water feature

Does the pond dry out in summer? How much does the water fluctuate throughout the year?

Maximize ecological benefit through the design.

water sources. Great opportunity for existing nearby water bodies to flow into the pond, daylight the creeks and put them on display within an urban space.

Opportunities for both water coming in and out

Open water coming down from Crystal Springs is a great opportunity

Some interest in keeping open water maintained

highlighting the qualities of the pond water setting. Is it feasible to make the pond healthy due to limiting factors of groundwater w/out massive cost? If not then consider increasing pond edges w/ more

would like to see a natural water source feed into the pond, and maybe a design feature to exit the pond and feed into the Green River

Would you like to see an outdoor event space or environmental learning space or community hall as an amenity?

Maintain as much natural habitat as possible but enhance with educational signage, i.e. along a boardwalk. Oasis w/in a busy, urban setting so a spot for respite and being in Nature is important

Instead of a large event space, space be set aside in the pond where it is only for wildlife (no paths through it)

Tukwila Pond is a hidden gem and it should stay that way. Maintain it as a hidden gem without drawing too many people to it. **Emphasize wildlife** watching and nature.

I think that a sort of community garden would be an amazing idea, give a space for people to come together and term goal embrace nature

Small learning space of the southcenter area. how its transformed over time would be interesting to include.

Outdoor education is being done in other parts of the city. Covered areas for picnicking, eating and highlighting access from multiple sides. Consider sustainable connections to the park and signs that are image-centric

having people garden together would be a good way to teach people to care for the environment

Access from all 4 sides, property acquisition, more parking as a longer Do you see an opportunity to express and celebrate the diverse culture of Tukwila in this park? What activities or amenities should be considered?

Food as a medium to celebrate
Tukwila's identity.
Food truck idea is great, maybe back of Target. Smaller urban plaza with seating, shade, and art/sculpture

A nod to farming because of the historical farming that happened on this site. Arch piece featuring symbols, elements from the past or different cultures

engage the youth, middle and high schools around the area

History, nature + Native American history/culture along boardwalk

Include information about the Black River that used to run through Tukwila + Renton. A big change that not many people know about.